

CHAPTER 96-02-04 CONTINUING EDUCATION

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1. A clinical laboratory practitioner licensed in North Dakota must complete twenty continuing education contact hours for the two-year licensing period to maintain licensure in North Dakota.
 - a. Twenty continuing education hours are required if licensed after June thirtieth of the even-numbered year and before July first of the odd-numbered year.
 - b. Ten continuing education hours are required if licensed after June thirtieth and on or before December thirty-first of the odd-numbered year.
 - c. No continuing education hours are required if licensed on or after January first of an even-numbered year.
2. Board-approved continuing education must be directly related to or supportive of clinical laboratory practice. Continuing education includes:
 - a. Workshops, refresher courses, professional conferences, seminars, and educational programs presented by providers approved by the board.
 - b. Presentations by licensee:
 - (1) Professional presentations, e.g., workshops, institutes. A presentation may be counted only one time and there is no limit on hours that may be earned under this paragraph.
 - (2) Community or service organization presentations. A general public presentation may be counted only one time and no more than three hours may be earned under this paragraph.
 - c. Formal academic coursework. One credit hour class is equal to ten contact hours.
 - d. Formal self-study course with a completion certificate, and there is no limit on hours under this subdivision.
 - e. Research approved by the board.

- f. Supervised clinical practice approved by the board.
- 9. Facility-based continuing education program. No more than sixty percent of the required hours may be earned under this subdivision.
- 3. Nonacceptable continuing education topics include courses in general safety not directly related to clinical laboratory practice, annual training required by a medical facility such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation or first aid, breath alcohol instrument training, personal reading of professional journals, committee meetings, computer classes, personal enrichment courses, and programs delivered through the mass media.
- 4. The board requires verification of continuing education completion, which must be received by the board office on or before the licensure expiration date. Verification must include name of licensee; dates of attendance; title of program, course, or workshop; sponsor's name and address; and number of earned contact hours. Verification documentation must be submitted on a board-approved continuing education record form and include a copy of a continuing education certificate signed by the provider or sponsor.
- 5. Failure to meet the continuing education requirements by the deadline will result in nonrenewal of license.
- 6. The board may waive requirements or allow exceptions due to extraordinary circumstances.

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